

U. S. LAND OFFICERS NEWS

Matters of Interest to Homesteaders Under the Kinkaid Law in Western Nebraska

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Now that The Alliance Herald has been made an official paper for the United States land office at Alliance for the publication of final proof and other notices, special attention will be given to matters relating to homesteaders and rulings of the Department of the Interior relative to homestead claims.

It is a pleasure to note that Senator Reynolds and Representative Reische, both of Chadron, favored the continuation of the Alliance Junior Normal. It is well known to those who have kept tab on the opposition to the State Junior Normals that most of it comes from persons who are interested in the State Normal schools, hoping to strengthen them by discontinuing the Junior Normals.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Homesteaders who wish to take advantage of the law permitting absence from claims should be sure to read the following notice issued from the Alliance land office under date of April 28, 1913.

Alliance, Nebraska, April 28, 1913. Many notices of leave of absence and return under the three-year law are being sent to this office on small sheets of paper of poor quality without the number of the land or number of the entry and some are not even signed.

These notices are all noted on our records, sent to the General Office at Washington and filed away there. They should be on a good quality of paper, not smaller than this sheet (8x10 inches) to avoid being lost.

Unless these notices are in form so we can enter them on our records the time homesteaders are absent will not count as residence but will have to be made up.

The notice may be in form as follows: Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, Alliance, Nebraska.

You are notified that on the day of _____, 1913, I (left or returned to, as the case may be) my homestead, Serial No. _____, for _____ (Give description of land) as provided by the three-year homestead law.

(Signature) _____

The law allows the leave of absence on filing the notice. No response to same is necessary and non will be given by this office.

W. W. WOOD, Register, H. J. ELLIS, Receiver. Must Deposit Purchase Money. A ruling of the Interior Department recently promulgated requires that persons making application to purchase lands as isolated tracts must deposit with their application the minimum price of \$1.25 per acre, which money is held in trust until the final determination of the application and then applied as a part of the purchase price if the land is sold to the applicant, or otherwise returned to the applicant.

Restoration—N. P. Project. Register and Receiver at Alliance have received notice from Department of the Interior at Washington, under date of April 25, 1913, of the restoration to entry of the following land under the North Platte project, Nebraska-Wyoming:

T. 22 N., R. 54 W., W 1/2 of Lot 2; SW 1/4 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, and E 1/2 W 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 2.

Following is an extract from the letter from the department, giving instructions in regard to settlement and entry:

"Such of said tracts as have not been formerly restored and are not otherwise withdrawn, reserved, or appropriated, or covered by existing entry, will be subject to settlement under the public land laws of the United States on and after June 10, 1913, at 9 a. m. and will be subject to entry, filing, or selection July 10, 1913, at 9 a. m. at the United States Land Office at Alliance, Nebraska.

"In this connection attention is directed to the fact that warning is ex-

STATE JUNIOR NORMAL

Western Nebraska People Pleased with Provision for Continuation of Alliance Normal

WILL COMMENCE JUNE 2, 1913

The continuation for another two years of the State Junior Normals, with the exception of the one at Geneva, was provided for in the general maintenance bill passed by the last legislature. Persons who are familiar with conditions of educational work in northwestern Nebraska are aware that to discontinue the Alliance State Junior Normal would be a great detriment of the cause of education in this part of the state.

The Alliance Junior Normal will begin June 2nd and continue eight weeks. The first week will be institute week for Box Butte county, but teachers attending from other counties will be given credit there.

Following faculty was announced by the state superintendent and published in the daily papers: Alliance—Superintendent W. R. Pate, Alliance, principal; Supt. C. N. Walton, Wahoo; Supt. Ralph M. Marrs, Bridgeport; Supt. William H. Morton, Ashland; Supt. H. H. Reinhold, Weeping Water; Supt. W. J. Braham, Sidney; Miss Carrie Niedermeyer, Lincoln.

Further information will be given in The Herald next week.

CLEANING UP THE TOWN

Need of Steps to Prevent Spread of Contagion May Prove a Blessing in Disguise

BELIEVED WORST IS PAST

A few cases of scarlet fever and quite a number of smallpox in light form have led to the taking of steps to stamp out the diseases in short order. A meeting was held in the city hall Monday evening to consider the matter, attended by the board of health and other citizens.

In addition to forbidding public meetings for the present, stricter quarantine regulations have been instituted. All dogs are required to be kept off the streets and out of the alleys under penalty of being shot. Additional deputy marshals to help enforce the quarantine have been appointed. They must shoot any dogs found off their owners' premises.

A general cleaning up of the city has been ordered, and this much at least may be a "blessing in disguise". This is the time of year when the public health, regardless of the present contagion, demands a thorough cleaning up of yards, alleys and streets.

Proclamation

As mayor of the city of Alliance, I urge the people of this city to observe "clean up week". Saturday, May 3, and all the week of May 4th have been officially designated as cleaning up days, and the people of Alliance are asked to clean up their premises, alleys and parkings and to burn all burnable rubbish.

Exaggerated Statements

So many exaggerated statements have been current that The Herald has thought best to go into this matter in detail in order that the public may be set right. There have been some fatalities from scarlet fever, but the three cases that now exist are under strict quarantine and as this is principally a children's disease it is thought there will be no further spread of it.

Quarantine List

Following is a list of persons and homes quarantined at this date. This is almost a complete list of those under quarantine, although it does not include all those who are now

E. A. McFALL DISAPPEARS

Well Known Young Man Supposed to Have Been Drowned at Scottsbluff

RIVER IS BEING SEARCHED

Scottsbluff, Thursday morning, Special to The Alliance Herald.—Elmer A. McFall, well known in Alliance and east in the hills, went in his Ford car to the North Platte River Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock to get some cottonwood trees to plant on some lots he has there.

McFall's wife is prostrated and her condition is serious. His father, Rev. C. E. McFall, of Antioch, went to Scottsbluff this noon to assist in the search. He had very little hope of ever seeing his son alive again. Dozens of men are dragging the Platte at Scottsbluff and searching the brush and banks of the river, but so far no trace has been found.

McFall had driven his car out into the river some distance on an island, near the west end of the bridge west of Scottsbluff which crosses to Mitchell Valley, south of the river. He took with him a spade and pair of rubber hip boots. He was seen by some small boys, who were fishing, to drive the car back towards the bridge. That was the last seen of him alive. When he did not return by supper time, as his wife expected, for he had planned to plant the trees that afternoon, she sent her brother, Willis Jordan, to hunt for him. He did not locate the car until 10 o'clock Tuesday night. She had called on the chief of police for assistance before that time. Parties searched all night without result. McFall's hip boots were gone, as well as the spade. In the car were

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T. P. A. CONVENTION

Biggest Ever Held in State, at Kearney, on Friday and Saturday. Post M Makes Best Record

MEETING SATURDAY

The state convention at Kearney was one that will long be remembered by the delegates who were there from Alliance. We were represented by R. C. Strong, president, John H. Hawes, secretary, A. D. Rodgers, R. R. Labbers, Milton Schachtel, delegates.

Following was the program carried out:

Friday Afternoon

City Hall—1:45 o'clock. Concert, Normal School Orchestra, Prof. B. H. Patterson, Director. Opening Exercises. W. B. Webster, President Post K. Reporting—Rev. A. L. Zink, Vocal Solo—W. F. Nicholas. Accompanist, Miss Lucile Wolfe. Address of Welcome—John W. Patterson, President Commercial club of Kearney, on behalf of Commercial club. Mayor W. H. Knaggs on behalf of City.

Response—S. S. English, State President.

Regular Order of Business. Reading and approving Minutes of last Annual meeting.

Report of President. Report of Board of Directors. Report of Secretary-Treasurer. Report of Chairman Railroad Committee.

Report of Legislative Committee. Report of Press Committee. Report of Hotel Committee. Report of Employment Committee. Report of Good Roads and Public Utilities Committee. Report of Post Secretaries.

Saturday Morning

9:00 o'clock. T. P. A. Parade, led by Normal Band.

10:00 o'clock. Report of Constitution and By-Laws Committee. General Business. Election of Officers. Election of Delegates and Alternates to National Convention. Selection of city for State Convention.

Entertainment

FRIDAY. Auto ride for ladies at 4:00 o'clock from Midway Hotel. Ball and buffet luncheon at 9:00 at Hub Assembly Hall. Smoker at Elks rooms for those who do not care to attend ball.

LADIES. Saturday morning, 10:00 o'clock. Reception at Elks club rooms.

All posts in the state were represented except the Post at Beatrice. The following committees were appointed Friday afternoon:

Credentials: Clyde Ridenour, Ralph Plummer, Tom Parker. Resolutions: Harry Moss, Ezra Collins, Roy C. Strong.

Constitution and by-laws: Delegates Turner, Snapp and Since. The following account of the proceedings of Friday, taken from the Kearney Morning Times, of Saturday, will give an idea of the fine treatment given the delegates:

Under the auspices of Post K, T. P. A., Kearney, the nineteenth annual state convocation of the Traveler's Protective Association of Nebraska, opened at the city hall about 3:45 yesterday afternoon with a large delegation of traveling men present.

Many more came later, some of the afternoon trains being belated, and by evening there were close to one hundred and fifty knights of the grand attendance, and coming from almost every part of the state.

It may be truthfully said that never before in a history, nor upon any other occasion, has the assembly room at the city hall been so elaborately or more magnificently decorated as upon this.

The display of flags, bunting and banners was remarkably profuse and arranged in a manner which produced the most attractive effects from whatever angle viewed.

On the president's stand in the middle of the room, JACK HAWES, from an immense cluster of carnations spread their fragrance throughout the entire room and out into the adjacent halls.

Seating for the different delegations, about a dozen in all, were designated by neat placards suspended from banners fluttering from the ceiling. And all this exquisiteness in a matter of decoration is the result of the handiwork of the aristocratic members of the local branch of the order who certainly excelled themselves in their efforts to render the convention hall a thing of beauty and, to those who saw, a joyous memory forever.

Before relinquishing the chair to the state president, Local President Webster announced that the program for the evening would be a hit-or-miss affair consisting of a dance at Hub Hall for those who love to dance, accompanied by a buffet luncheon instead of the stereotyped banquet. For those religiously opposed to terepsichorean pleasures, and did not care to trip the light fantastic the Elks at their hall had

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Shortly after 2 o'clock the Normal band led a large procession of traveling men from the Midway Hotel to convention hall. As the delegates gathered in the hall and obtained glimpses of the artistic preparations made for their reception, some enthusiastic drummer proposed three cheers for the city of Kearney, and they were given with lusty good will. Soon the Normal orchestra was in place near the piano in one corner of the room, and presently was discoursing some of the fine music for which the organization is noted, each number being received by most cordial encores and rounds of applause. For an hour or more this opening musical feature prevailed until the train bearing some more of the state officers arrived. So it was nearly 4 o'clock ere the opening exercises of



ROY C. STRONG

the program were carried out.

About 4 o'clock President Webster of the local Post called the meeting to order, and introduced the Rev. A. L. Zink, pastor of the First Christian Church of this city, who gave the invocation, the house standing. Then followed a vocal solo by Mr. W. F. Nicholas, with Miss Lucile Wolfe accompanying, so well received that the singer was compelled to respond to an encore which brought a second encore, so pleased were the spectators with the vocalist's ability. John W. Patterson, president of the commercial club, was introduced and on behalf of that organization gave an address which, though brief, was exceedingly appropriate and fitted the occasion perfectly. A. H. Berbig, president of the city council, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city in a few choice words, representing Mayor Knaggs, who was unable to be present, owing to an injury received by an accident two or three days ago. Then came the response to these addresses by S. S. English, of Lincoln, president of the state association. This was a gem of the kind, Mr. English originally setting up the claim that the history of the traveling men dated back almost to the very beginning of the world when Solomon departed as a fruit merchant, went down to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam, and finding Adam away from home displayed his sampler to Eve with such success that he got her order, a diamond's business. It is true, for it resulted in Adam and Eve going into bankruptcy and being driven out of business in one of the best locations on the globe in that day and age. And from that day Adam and Eve's names became traveling men "and we all have been traveling ever since."

At the conclusion of Mr. English's speech that gentleman took the chair and called the convention proper to order. On motion reading of the minutes of the last convention was dispensed of, and the president proceeded to make his report, after which the reports of board of directors, secretary-treasurer, railroad, legislative, press, hotel, employment, good roads and public utilities committees, and the report of the Post secretaries, all of which are reported to have been interesting and filled with much encouragement to members of the organization, every report indicating that the order is flourishing in every part of the state.

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AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATION

STATE OF NEBRASKA) COUNTY OF BOX BUTTE) ss

Lloyd C. Thomas, being first duly sworn, on his oath, deposes and says, that he is the President of The Herald Publishing Company, owners and publishers of The Alliance Herald, that there were circulated of the regular issues printed for the month of April, 1913, through the United States mails, by carriers, from news stands, and from The Herald office, a total of six thousand two hundred (6,200) copies, an average of one thousand five hundred and fifty (1,550) copies per issue, and that the above is true according to his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of April, 1913. My commission expires July 8, 1913.

[SEAL] EUGENE BURTON, Notary Public.